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Non-English Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 2001-1256716 is cited on page 2 of the specification and an English abstract is also enclosed. Non-English article for "Conviction to 256M MRAM, Special Number of Cover Story", written by OSHISHI MOTOYUKI, NIKKEI Electronics, January 20, 2003, pages 83-105 is cited on pages 2 through 3 of the specification.

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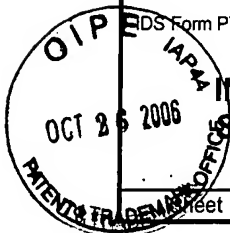
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